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#### IMPRESSIVE HISTORY

Researchers have been translating documents detailing life in the reign of Henry III, whose Great Seal is pictured here. The beautiful medieval manuscripts are now on the internet and contain a wealth of information about Canterbury and the roots of parliamentary democracy.

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#### BY IAN READ AND JENNY ARMSTRONG

KILLER Phoebe Barton, who stabbed her sister 27 times in a field in Chartham, has been sentenced to life in prison for murder.

She will serve a minimum of 13 years after a judge told her she must bear responsibility for the fatal attack, despite the tragic circumstances leading up to the killing.

Villagers were shocked after dog-walkers found the body of Karen Barton, 51, in a field near a footpath on Sunday, May 9.

Phoebe Barton, then 49, went missing after

Phoebe Barton, then 49, went missing after the frenzied attack, prompting a massive police manhunt using dogs, helicopters and divers in the River Stour.

She was found four days later walking along a road in the nearby village of Chilham because she had, by her own admission, run out of food, drink and tobacco.

Phoebe Barton denied murdering her sister but admitted killing her and pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Judge Jeremy Carey said: "Karen Barton did absolutely nothing to provoke this attack. She had been a devoted sister to you, although you never appreciated it. She was just a good person and you attacked her in a drunken rage. "You resorted to alcohol on a daily basis after

"You resorted to alcohol on a daily basis after the death of your daughter. We don't know what the spark was that lit the flame of your fury, but it was a small one that had devastating consequences for you, her and the whole Barton family. This is not a normal case and

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### Revolutionary times as king's rolls go online

#### BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

FRESH light has been thrown on the formative years of government in England after the translation and digitalisation of medieval manuscripts.

The unique £1 million, three-year project by researchers at Canterbury Christ Church University, King's College London and the National Archives has seen previously impenetrable Latin manuscripts from the time of Henry III published for the first time.

Academics have been working on the king's fine rolls, which record an agreement to pay the king money for a favour as well as outcomes in cases enforcing the then newly written Magna Carta.

One fine was written for each of the 56 years of Henry III's reign. Some contain as many as 35,000 words and are three metres long.

Project co-director Dr Louise Wilkinson said: "The fine rolls are one of the chief previously unpublished treasures of the National Archive. They cover Henry III's reign from 1216-72.

"They record how large sections of the population came into contact with the crown. For example they might record Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, offering a sum of money or a palfrey, a type of horse, so he could hold a market on one of his manors, which is some-thing he did at Reculver in 1220. "There is lots in the fine rolls

about Canterbury, material about grants being made and confirmations of charters to religious establishments such as St Augustine's, the Cathedral priory and even the lepers at Harbledown.



#### **REVEALING:** One of Henry III's fine rolls

Before the project anyone interested in that period would have to go to the National Archives at Kew and be able to read heavily abbreviated medieval Latin. Now the fine rolls are in English, searchable, on the internet and free.

Dr Wilkinson said: "The rolls are very useful for looking at the nobility and the emergence of the knightly class as a political force."

The rolls have a lot of information about the beginnings of parliament. During Henry III's reign many people campaigned for more freedom as reflected in Magna Carta.

Dr Wilkinson said: "Henry III's reign is important because it sees the first true English revolution. Between 1256 and 1265 Henry was reduced to figurehead and a baronial council pushed through series of legal and administrative reforms.

It was the first time control of government was taken out of the king's hands. The revolution touches all levels of society."

• To look at the rolls for yourself, go to www.finerollshenrv3.co.uk.

#### Roman Saturnalia celebrations will lift your spirits

CELEBRATE the ancient rite of Saturnalia at the Roman Museum in Canterbury this festive season.

The Roman equivalent of Christmas, which involved sacrifices, presents, gambling and a banquet, was introduced to raise morale after the Roman armies were defeated by the Carthaginians in 217BC.

Togas were swapped for less formal clothes and slaves changed places with masters. Romans also used the occasion to make and give small presents.

From this Friday until January 3, visitors to the Roman Museum and try on colourful costumes, make a freedman's hat, buy a present from the Roman market stall and enjoy the festive cheer.

They can also learn about the arrival of Christianity in late Roman Britain, find out what Romans would have done at Christmas and view the hoard of silver Christian spoons found in our city.

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#### Cancer upset led to road accident

UPSET Tanya O'Connor drank too much when she found out her sister had contracted breast cancer, then crashed her car.

When police arrived after a collision outside her home in Raymond Avenue, Canterbury, she was co-operative. Tests showed O'Connor, 42, was more than twice over the limit.

She admitted drink driving when

she appeard before Canterbury Magistrates' Court.

O'Connor said: "I'm devastated. My sister had just told me she had been diagnosed with cancer. That shook

me as she's only 40."
Chairman of the bench William Mearns said: "You can only be thankful that nobody was hurt in this accident.

"I'm very sorry about your news but this wasn't the way to deal with it. Clearly your judgement was impaired."

O'Connor was banned from driving for 18 months, fined £450 and ordered to pay £85 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.

#### Sister 'must take responsibility'

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that has to be borne in mind. This killing had all the hallmarks of a domestic dispute.
"I have no doubt in the few seconds

you stabbed Karen you intended to kill her. You must take responsibility for what you did.'

The jury heard how deeply the death of Phoebe's only daughter, Rachel, in a drink-drive smash had affected her, and how her behaviour became increasingly erratic in the weeks leading up to the first anniver-sary of her death, on May 27.

Phoebe had burned her daughter's possessions, including a car, and had given up the lease on the council flat she shared with her sister, causing arguments between the pair.

Phoebe had begun drinking heavily since Rachel's death.

On the night she killed Karen, the pair had gone for a walk in the near-by field. They began arguing after Karen suggested it was time for Phoebe to "get over" Rachel's death.

Prosecutor Jonathon Higgs, summing up, said: "Would a reasonable person have pushed her sister to the ground, jumped on her and stabbed her 27 times?

#### Tragic case

"However much she regrets it now, she intended to do it at the time.

"This is a tragic case - and who wants Phoebe Barton to be found guilty of murder?

"But the law is the law, and what happened was murder."

Defending, Christopher Sutton-Mattocks argued that Phoebe Barton had diminished responsibility

when she killed her sister. He said Phoebe had to identify her own daughter's body at the scene of the road crash.

He said: "There is no question Rachel's death started the sequence of events that led to the destruction of this family and turned a loving mother into a self-confessed killer.

"The death of a child is something

so shocking and so ghastly none of us can truly comprehend it unless we have gone through it ourselves.

"The evidence for an abnormal bereavement reaction is clear. By any measure this was a lady whose mind

was disturbed.
"This case, by any standards, is an appalling, violent tragedy.

"Every day, Phoebe Barton is going to have to wake up remembering what she has done."

### Mum escapes prison for assaulting police officer

#### BY IAN READ

PROTECTIVE mum Toni Suter assaulted a man she thought was attacking her daughter outside a nightclub.

Unfortunately for her he was a policeman, Canterbury Magistrates heard. Suter, 41, of Birchwood Walk, Canterbury,

admitted grabbing the officer and then hitting him outside Studio 41.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said trouble started in the Chill nightclub and appeared to have calmed down.

Suter became involved when it flared up

again and police were called.

Mrs Ruiz said: "She grabbed the officer behind his neck and chest then she struck him to the side of the face damaging his glasses.

"When she was taken to Canterbury police station she said she rarely drank but had had eight brandies that night.

She said there had been arguments in the nightclub and that she was trying to get some of the people into a taxi. She then admitted grabbing the officer."

David Nelson, defending, said friends had come down from Balham, London, for a 40th

birthday bash.

He said Mrs Suter, who suffers from bi-polar disorder, hadn't taken her medication because she knew it would react to drink.

Mr Nelson said: "An argument developed in the night club and she was trying to get a friend

"She looked round and saw what she took to be a member of the public attacking her 19-



SENTENCED: Magistrates gave Toni Suter a 12-month community order for grabbing a police officer

year-old daughter. She didn't see a uniform. She grabbed him from behind, she didn't realise he was a police officer. She caught him on the side of the head, it wasn't a deliberate punch. She accepts what she did was wrong but she didn't recognise him."

The officer received bruising to the side of the head and was dizzy. Suter admitted assault.

Chairman of the bench William Mearns said:

"You ignored warnings to keep away and you grabbed him by the neck causing considerable pain to the officer.

"If you carry on with this sort of behaviour

the likelihood is you will go to prison."
Suter was given a 12-month community order to include 200 hours unpaid work.

She was ordered to pay £75 compensation to the officer and £85 court costs.

#### **Gifts continue** to help look after cathedral

THE appeal to raise money to save Canterbury Cathedral has now managed to raise £11.5 million.

The Canterbury Gift charity supports conservation, music, education and craftsmanship at the cathedral. The news was announced by the cathedral's dean, The Very Reverend Dr Robert Willis, over the weekend.

He said: "We are enormously grateful to all our friends and supporters who

have supported the cathedral in 2010.

"We have raised more than £1.5m since the beginning of April, which is wonderful news and a marvellous Christmas present for everyone who cares about Canterbury Cathedral."

The cathedral appeal was set up to make sure the fabric of the cathedral, some of which is in peril, remains intact. It also funds other projects such as train-

ing stonemasons and other craftsmen.

Matthew Butler, chief executive of The
Canterbury Gift, said: "The money we have raised during 2010 will enable our major programme of work to proceed during 2011.

"Our craftsmen and women will be working on the north side of the Corona at the east end of the cathedral, on the Great South Window and on the conservation of our irreplaceable 12th Century stained glass

"However, Canterbury Cathedral still needs many millions of pounds and every pound that is given is important. We receive no help from government, local authorities or the Church of England towards the cost of the vital conservation work.

To find out more or make a donation see www.thecanterburygift.com or call

#### A 'worrrying' rise in number of homeless

NEARLY 130 households became homeless in Canterbury this quarter – more than four times that of the previous three months.
Government statistics showed

128 households were accepted as homeless by Canterbury council, and the number of homeless people in England is also on the rise and is now up 17 per cent on the last quarter, meaning 11,840 house-holds were declared homeless in three months.

This means 68 homeless households in Canterbury will spend Christmas in temporary accommodation such as bed and breakfasts.

Campbell Robb, chief executive of Shelter, said: "Already in Britain every two minutes someone faces the nightmare of losing their home, so it is really worrying to see home-lessness on the rise in Canterbury.

"We know from the cases we see every day just one little thing like a bout of illness, rent increase or drop in income is all that is needed to push people into a spiral of debt and arrears that can lead to the loss of their home."

Canterbury homelessness charity Catching Lives and housing charity Shelter are urging anyone struggling with housing costs this Christmas to seek advice.

### Funding cuts are almost at worst case scenario level

CANTERBURY council has been hit much harder than expected by the government's local authority spending settlement.

On Monday communities and local government minister Eric Pickles announced that the reduction in council spending powers would be reduced by an average of 4.4 per cent, but Canterbury's total income is to drop by a much larger 6.55 per cent

The level of council tax is to remain the same, but the government grant will drop by £1.5 million - a reduction of 11 per cent.

This is nearly as bad as the council's "worst case scenario" in which it must chose between funding to help society's most vulnerable, and retaining basic services such as rubbish

It is not yet clear whether grants to help the most needy in the community such as the elderly, homeless and

disabled people, are still ring-fenced. Last year the council embarked on BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

a series of huge funding cuts in anticipation of lower future government grants, but only expected and budgeted for a cut of seven per cent.

This settlement to councils has given more money to areas with the highest levels of deprivation and to areas most dependent on the government grant, which is not good news for relatively affluent Canterbury.

Mr Pickles said: "There has been a great deal of speculation and scaremongering about what the implica-tions of the local government settle-ment might be. Funding fairness underpins this settlement.

"The need to reduce public spending means this is a unique settlement, but also a unique opportunity for councils to show how efficient they can be, root out the wasteful spending that still exists and ensure that money goes to the frontline public services.



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**UNDER THREAT?:** Canterbury Christ Church University's North Holmes Road campus

### **Cuts put Christ** Church at high risk, says union

CANTERBURY Christ Church University is "at financial risk" because of Government cuts, according to a lecturers' union.

A study for the University and College Union said a third of England's universities were at risk. It said raising tuition fees and cutting funding could see some institutions fighting for survival, with the worst hit having to merge with others or even close.

The report names 23 universities as "high risk" including Canterbury Christ Church. But the university is in a good position to survive, according to a spokesman.

"No institution in the country can predict its future financial position until the sector has absolute clarity on the fee policy and the Government's higher education white paper is published," he said.

What we do know is that CCCU is entering this challenging period from a position of considerable strength, not least because we have the scale and reach, together with strong networks of partners and supporters, to approach these turbulent times confidently."

The newer universities and specialist institution tend to be among those at highest risk from the funding restructure, which was passed into law on Thursday, last week.

The study considered how many students from each university are from poor backgrounds and how many overseas students

#### BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

they recruit. Poorer students are more likely to be put off by higher fees, whereas foreign students have to pay higher fees and there-fore provide a funding boost. According to the study, 40 per cent of

CCCU's funding comes from Government grants, 34.6 per cent of students are from lower socio-economic backgrounds and only 2.2 per cent are from overseas.

The study found the university spends £19.6 million on teaching, 97.6 per cent of which would no longer be paid for if the Government's proposals were enacted unchanged.

Because of the positive economic impact CCCU has on the area, the report estimates £50m would disappear from the local economy if the higher education funding plan goes

University and College Union general secretary Sally Hunt said: "A recent survey of university leaders revealed nine out of ten expect an institution to close due to financial pressures. Universities going bust would have a devastating impact on their communities – as would the withdrawal of Government funding."

But universities minister David Willetts said the reforms would ensure universities are properly funded.

#### Present and correct with Archie

PANTOMIME stars joined Archie the Oxfam goat to launch the charity's Christmas present range in Canterbury.

Sid Sloane and Dave Lee, the big names starring in this year's Marlowe Arena pantomime, Robin Hood, joined Archie to show off presents including a real goat priced £25, which goes to a family in the developing world, and play and education packages for poor children, costing £7.

Archie will be making a guest appearance at the panto during the evening performance on Saturday, December 18, to help publicise the charitable gifts.



GIFTED: Archie with Dave Lee and Sid Sloane

#### **Second Afghan tour for 'Blairsy'**

A SOLDIER from Canterbury is helping Afghans help themselves as part of a plan which will allow our troops to come home.

Corporal Gareth Blair, 31, now on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan, is training and mentoring Afghan police officers.

The soldier is based in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, with the rest of the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, also known as 5 Scots.

Cpl Blair, known as Blairsy, said: "The job we are doing is, in the long term, our exit strategy,

because we are giving the Afghans the ability to look after security responsibilities themselves with less and less support from us.

"On my previous tour I did a similar job with

the Afghan National Army, and now I'm working with the police. It's very rewarding."

The soldier works with the Police Development Advisory Training Team, which mentors Afghan National Police and trains the force so it can take over security work now performed by British and NATO troops

Cpl Blair's specific role is to train the police in

information gathering.
The British Army has already trained 106,000 Afghan police officers, and aims to have 134,000 up to scratch by the end of 2011. Cpl Blair and his unit are a large part of this

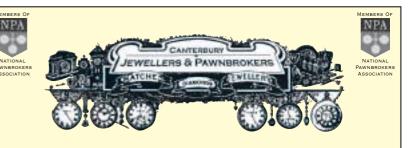


**COMRADES:** Gareth Blair flanked by Afghan police

effort. Cpl Blair joined the Army in 1998 as a member of the Royal Irish Regiment, and has been on a tour of Afghanistan, two tours of Iraq, three in Northern Ireland and one of Kosovo. He has a home in Canterbury but originally comes from Belfast. He enjoys football and is a Leeds United fan.

He has four daughters – Chloe, nine, Phoebe,

six, Naomi, five, and Katie, one. He said: "The tour's going well but I am missing my family and looking forward to coming home and seeing the children.'

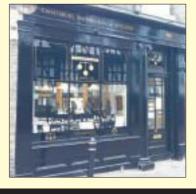


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**OARSOME:** Matthew and Charlie of the newlyformed Spires Rowing Club at Westbere

#### **Academy students** take to the water

ROWING can now be enjoyed by Spires Academy pupils thanks to a partnership with a leading public school.

The Sturry academy has joined with the King's School, Canterbury, so Spires pupils can take lessons in the sport.

The first session took place from the King's boathouse at Westbere lakes, close to Spires. Year 11 pupils braved the winter chill to go out on the water.

Teacher Rory Semple said the pupils were enthusiastic about the outing. He said: "They were pleased to be taking part in a new sport and the two-hour session was so popular they asked to stay all day.

"Rowing is a full body workout and a strenuous cardiovascular exercise. Taking control of a boat requires discipline, ability and awareness of safety, as well as teamwork.'

Boathouse manager Andy Turner helped the pupils and gave them a tour of the rowing complex. He said: "It's great to see them out in boats and enjoying themselves."

Mr Semple said: "It has been great working in partnerships with King's and a fantastic opportunity to try something new. I hope rowing becomes an integral part of sport at Spires Academy.'

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### Help girls' potato-powered biofuel project get moving

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

AN INNOVATIVE project that turns used school chip fat into carready biodiesel needs sponsorship to allow pupils to start a company.

Students from the Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School have already managed to get one Whitstable firm to sponsor them and convinced nearby Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys to donate its used chip fat to the cause. But they need more companies to come forward to meet their £2,000 startup costs by Easter. The idea is to create a sustainable source of the green fuel, which can be used in standand diesel engines.

The project was started by the school's head of physics Dr Christoph Kuepper, with technical help from biodiesel manufacturer David Teal from

the Aeolus Partnership in Ashford.

Dr Kuepper said: "The group has already found a sponsor in Richard Topping, director of Carrick Energy in Whitstable. We have been contacted by another potential sponsor and are hoping for a positive response soon.

"We are very grateful for the support of David and Richard, who have both been coming in to school to share their expertise with us

"We are open to more sponsors and I would be

delighted to hear from any others interested in contributing to our project. Our plant also needs a secure, confined space so we are looking for a metal shed and we would really appreciate a sponsor to help us with that.'

The teacher has also asked neighbouring St Anselm's School if it will donate its used chip fat to supplement the supplies from the Langton canteens. Students in all year groups are taking part in the project, which will involve selling biodiesel to parents and staff. Mr Teal visited

the school earlier this year and demonstrated how the oil can be converted and sold at between 50p and £1 a litre.

Dr Kuepper said: "The students involved are very enthusiastic and have been very busy. They have been putting together an application to the school's Endowment Fund and they have run a competition to find a name for our company.

"The winning name submitted by form 9N was S.P.U.D. - Super Powered Universal







#### yourlocalinterview

#### **QUESTION** & ANSWER JAN MILLS



#### Tell us a little bit about you.

Although I live in Whitstable now I am actually a liver bird, though people tell me I don't have a Scouse accent any more - until I say grass or bath. At work, I'm a chartered health and safety practitioner and managing director of The Bradley Group.

#### Tell us a bit about the Bradley group.

We started 10 years ago as a training company, then added a consultancy service and a software company. We have survived the recession very well and I think that's because we have solid, long-term relationships with a lot of our clients.

We have eight staff and a good band of associates, who help us with specialist work and some of the training. That makes us very flexible. We can handle large contracts just as well as the smaller ones, thanks to having a client care and administrative team that is second to none. We do open courses in our lovely training rooms and also go out to clients' own premises to give them tailored training.

#### What sort of health and safety do you specialise in?

Our strength is in health and safety management – a subject that is sadly neglected but we cover operational issues as well, such as manual handling, working with computers, chemicals, explosive gases, fire, machinery everything really. Through our staff, we have a really wide range of experience of different sectors too - from infant schools to power stations, and almost everything in between.

#### Do you think the recent kicking of health and safety is justified?

Not entirely. People are still being hurt and killed at work, though the press are not so good at reporting these cases as they are the various silly stories we have had. What's happened is that employers have rightly tried to do something about health and safety and have sometimes given people responsibility for it without also giving them the training to help them make sensible decisions. I'd be cautious too if I didn't know what I was doing. Add to that the compensation culture that has been encouraged by claims farmers and you have a lethal mix – literally.

I became passionate about health and safety early on in my training, after interviewing so many lovely people with one less eye and fewer fingers than they should have. It's immoral to hurt people in pursuit of profit and I have seen nothing to change my mind.

#### Are health and safety regulations too constraining for businesses?

It's all down to interpretation. Parliament never intended them to be used in the way they sometimes are and while some regulations are complex the practical application of them can be quite straightforward. If a business really does have low risks and is small. then complying with the law won't be expensive or constraining. The law only asks that employers do what it is reasonable for them to do to keep people safe and healthy. That's not too much to ask, surely?

#### What do you need to know if you are setting up in business? ness?

Go to the HSE website or call their information line to find out what you need to do. You should be able to sort yourself out really easily, unless you're going to be doing something risky like digging holes or working with chemicals. If you get your head round health and safety right from the beginning and just incorporate it into how you manage your business, it won't be a problem. But you must recognise when you will need advice - when you've grown or changed what you do - and budget for getting people in who know what they're talking about. A poorly qualified accountant could sink your business but a poorly qualified health and safety consultant could help you to kill someone.

#### What's your view about the future of the health and safety industry?

I hope the fear of being sucu will down, that employers will recognise the I hope the fear of being sued will calm value of good health and safety training which will help employers to manage most risks themselves – and that the only people who will be asked for advice when it's needed are those who have studied to degree level the NEBOSH diploma for example. That should stop the myths.

The managing director of health and safety specialists The Bradley Group – based at Kent Science Park – talks to **Jill Hurst** about the importance of following regulations and protecting your work force



#### **Transformation of Herons pool begins**

WORK has begun to transform Herons Swimming Pool in Herne Bay into a bigger and better facility.

The pool will stay open as normal throughout the nine-month project to extend and refurbish the centre, and should be completed by September 2011.

Improvements will include a 250 sq m gym, a dance and fitness studio, separate mind and body studio and a revamped reception.

Herons' manager Mike Marsh said: "We are thrilled the work has started and are excited to be part of what will be a fantastic new facility. It is important people realise it is business as usual and would ask everyone to carry on giving us their support and custom.

#### **Opportunist crooks** target posties' mail

THIEVES have been targeting letters in postbags on postmen's bikes.

At 12.30pm on November 29 one thief

made off with an entire mailbag.

The postman had temporarily left his bike at the corner of Nightingale Avenue and Anthony Crescent in Whitstable. When he returned his bike and bag had been taken.

And on December 7 at 12.40pm a thief also stole post from a postman's bike in Canterbury. The postman was delivering mail in Russett Road and when he got

back letters had been stolen.
Police would like to talk to anyone who saw what happened. They should call 01622 690 690 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### Manston night-time flights deemed too noisy in review

#### BY FLORENCE TENNENT

AN INDEPENDENT review of Manston Airport's Night Noise Assessment has found proposed levels of night-time flying to be unacceptably high.

Herne Bay lies right under the flight path of much of the air traffic flying from Manston, and many in the town are unhappy about increasing the number of night flights.

Thanet council commissioned an independent review of the assessment included with Manston airport's application for scheduled night flying, in order to clarify the number of flights expected to take place.

Public consultation on the plans, which were received in September, was postponed until the results were announced.

The original noise assessment, carried out by Bickerdike Allen Partners, suggested that an annual noise quota limit of 1,995dB by 1,081 flights between 11.30pm and 6am, and a sound insulation scheme for houses exposed to more than 57dB of average night-time noise would mitigate the impacts on residents in the surrounding area.

The review, by independent specialists Bureau Veritas, stated the predicted number of people likely to be exposed to significant levels of average night-time noise is not sufficiently justified by the number of passengers that are



**UP, UP AND AWAY:** Independent specialists Bureau Veritas have recommended restricting the number of actual flights

forecast to benefit from the proposals.

The report said: "Significant numbers of people living in the vicinity of Manston Airport are likely to experience noise impact due to forecast operations in 2018. The proposed quota count of 1,995dB is too high to offer adequate protection.

#### **Insulating**

Bureau Veritas recommended a limit of just under 1,570dB to bring Manston in line with other regional airports.

Additionally they recommended restricting the number of actual flights and including limits on the shoulder periods between 11pm and 11.30pm, and between 6am and 7am which had been left unregulated by the original plans.

The report found that an estimated 30,903 people would experience 85 decibels of noise if a Boeing 747-400 flew overhead, and recommended extending insulation to the bedrooms of any of the affected buildings. The report stated that only insulating those houses experiencing 57 decibels of average noise was too limited and not consistent with other airports.

"They recommended an average of 48 decibels, which would bring 13,443 people within the boundaries.

The review found the original plans to contain a number of typos and to have omitted key sources of information, including recommendations from the World Health Organisation.

Charles Buchanan, Manston airport chief executive, said: "We will have to review the recommendations in detail before we consider whether this requires an amended proposal or further information on the same plans

The council will review the new information at their next Airport Working Party meeting, for which there is no set date.









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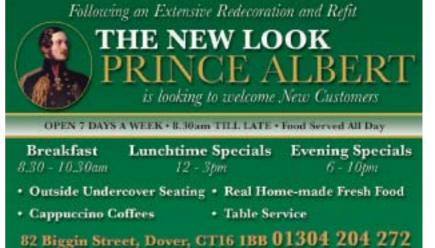
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#### **BREAK TIME**

#### **Carvings bring** dead oak to life

A FALLEN oak tree has provided materials and inspiration for students and an artist building an outdoor classroom at the University of Kent.

Nearly 20 students joined Peter Leadbeater to carve benches and toadstool seats which will make up a teaching and leisure area the university can use in the New Year.

The classroom, which is on the edge of woods on the Canterbury campus, has been officially opened by the university's head of learning and teaching.

Ian Bride, a biodiversity lecturer at the university, said: "I have long had the idea that we should create some teaching and leisure spaces in the nonbuilt environment on the Canterbury campus

"So when a large oak tree fell down recently very near a site we previously



"It is hoped the first lecture will be held during the spring tern, although it will take an inspirational lecturer to compete against beautiful surroundings of the woods for the students' full attention.'

Students from the university's Conservation Society worked on the project. The Faversham-based artists helping them said the students were enthusiastic, dedicated and inspirational.

### Award puts art student on cusp of career in film

#### BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A FINE art student has beaten 450 film undergraduates to win the top award at a film festival.

Max Kimber, a final year undergraduate at Canterbury's University of the Creative Arts, grabbed the festival's top Grand Jury Award, as well as the Artists Film award, at the Exposures Student Film Festival in Manchester.

The film, called Cusp, purports to examine the tenuous nature of life by following a young fledgling bird.

Miss Kimber, originally from Rochester, said: "I was so pleased just to have my film selected for the festival as only 60 films from 450 submissions are shown, so I thought I was a winner already.

"The standard of films nominated for the awards was incredibly high. Many had large casts and crews with some even gaining sponsorship from major companies, so I thought I had no chance whatsoever of winning.

"When my film was announced as the winner of the Grand Jury Award I went into total shock. It was so unexpected I burst into tears and had to pull myself together quickly to give a speech. It was one of the most amazing nights of my life."

The film was made on Miss Kimber's own home recording equipment, and is less than seven-minutes long.

Speaking about the film, the judges said: "Cusp is everything a short film should be. The film's strikingly beautiful simplicity left us speechless and we were unanimous in our decision

One of the film festival's judges, Hollywood



FILM-MAKER: Max Kimber (centre) collects her award from Exposures judges for her short film, Cusp (inset)

producer Paul Abbot, has said they will meet with Miss Kimber to discuss her future projects.

Miss Kimber said: "They have offered to help in any way they can with my work, which is fantastic. It is a great opportunity."

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> Imogen & Adelina **Westgate Community Trust**

#### Hidden agenda of insurance 'myths'

How interesting that while insurers continue to swamp the media with stories perpetuating the myth of the compensation culture, the media has barely mentioned the House of Commons Transport Committee inquiry into the cost of motor insurance.

A cynic might be forgiven for thinking this is because insurers don't want any attention focused on insurance premiums which have rocketed in the past couple of years out of all proportion to their own 'fudged' statistics on the supposed increase costs of claims. The insurers blame the lawyers, yet legal costs have been fixed for the vast majority of road traffic accident claims since 2003.

And reduced costs were agreed with the insurance industry only six months ago to a point where, frankly, they cannot go any lower without effectively leaving innocent victims to either pay their own legal fees or fend for themselves.

Furthermore, insurers receive substantial income in referral fees themselves. These come from credit hire companies for passing on details of their own innocent policy holders who have suffered road traffic accidents, and from solicitors to whom insurers 'sell' their own innocent policy holders' claims.

It is a scandal of national proportions that an insurance industry which receives a guaranteed income stream in the form of compulsory third party insurance - and receives referral fees for effectively encouraging people to claim for their road traffic injury – should be allowed to clobber innocent motorists with premium increases which they then try and blame on everyone in the market but them-

Neille Ryan, partner,

#### Our indispensible pharmacy heroes

Often seen as the unsung heroes of the health service, pharmacies

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Message to Southeastern Trains – commuters are also taxpayers, says Trevor Moss...

SO THERE I was, on a high-speed train, having got on, on time, at Folkestone West and heading for London.

But sure enough and yet again, found myself at 0mph while sitting outside Ashford station waiting for the connecting units to trundle down the track from Canterbury. The outcome being another delayed connection made at the platform.

I question whether Ashford station platform is the right place for rolling stock to be connected, particularly Hitachi class 395 rolling stock.

The number of computer crashes as a result of cobbling two trains together makes a joke of the premium fare high-speed service.

Apparently no changes to the timetable are anticipated to provide for independent trains to run down the line and back from their respective branches until 2012, the same year that London Olympics authorities plan to commandeer all these trains for weeks, with Southeastern's full consent, to run between St Pancras and Stratford, to the detriment of regular users.

Anyway, I dutifully completed the questionnaire given to me en route asking for my views on Southeastern. It was a pathetic attempt to placate travellers by asking for their opinions after the lack of services due to the wintry weather of the previous week. This list of half-baked questions were not the ones I really wanted to ask or answer. Like, how on earth does Southeastern justify the hike in fares by

up to 12 per cent when people are getting zero per cent salary reviews and an unreliable service?

If we were in France, we'd all be refusing to pay fare increases. In fact, in France, there would be a week of demonstrations where people would storm the trains and refuse to pay fares at all. Now there's a thought.

Of course, we know what the cop-out statement on fare rises is going to say: "But the Government has reduced subsidies, therefore the traveller has to bear the brunt, not the taxpayer."

Well, Mr Southeastern representative, I am a taxpayer and a commuter, but I don't see any tax rebate coming from the Government in relation to its reduced obligations to fund the rail network.

To cap it all, on the way home, I got to the station to find, yes you've guessed it, that the Folkestone-bound high-speed train was terminated at St Pancras, once more due to technical difficulties.

While waiting for half an hour at a bleak Stratford International I saw four trains head in the direction of St Pancras, but no one at Southeastern thought to turn one of these around to form a replacement service. Eventually, it was standing room only on the next

With the level of criticism Southeastern is getting, from Kent MPs to the daily customer, this company isn't the future of travel in Kent but will be recognised as part of the failed history of privatisation of the rail network in this county. The sooner Southeastern loses its franchise the better

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Closing date is December 20 and a panel of judges will choose the winner. The name will be available online and in the next edition of Your Health magazine.

> Havley Eversfield. **NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent**

#### Youth paying heavy cost of exclusion

Too many young people are still feeling the effects of the worst recession in recent history.

Those with fewest qualifications are being pushed further back in the queue for work, leaving thousands stranded in the dole queue. This month, the Prince's Trust and the Royal Bank of Scotland Group have released their cost of exclusion report which revealed how much this youth disadvantage is costing the UK

In the South East alone, youth unemployment could cost up to £15.8 million a week through benefits and lost productivity. Even a conservative estimate - based on lost productivity being equivalent to Jobseeker's Allowance – suggests that youth unemployment costs per week for the South East would be more than £4.6m a week

Based on lost productivity being equivalent to the average weekly wage for their age group, the cost of youth unemployment in the South East is £15.8 million a week.

Youth charity the Prince's Trust can give young people the skills

and confidence to leave the dole queue for good for a fraction of this cost. At this time when there is huge pressure on the public purse, the cost of exclusion report shows it is possible to help young people into jobs while saving the state billions.

Government, charities and employers must work together now to deliver this change. Find out more at www.princes-trust.org.uk or call 0800 842 842.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness, Prince's Trust regional director

#### It's time to change train operators

News of the MPs meeting with Southeastern (Charles Horton) recently has already hit the airwaves so please forgive any duplication of information.

There were 14 Kent and Outer London MPs present (including the deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and several ministers) to hear the managing director's 'take' on recent weatherrelated failures.

Mr Horton was at pains not to blame Network Rail for the recent shortcomings, but this cannot disguise two salient facts that have emerged.

1. It appears that two vital de-icing trains run by Network Rail were, incredibly, undergoing a service at the time they were desperately needed. Questions as to why there was no window of opportunity to service these engines



between March and October produced no explanation.

2. It transpires that the National Data Systems run by Network Rail and the TOCs are unable to respond to urgent amendments. So when Southeastern took a 2am decision to cancel trains The System' was unable to respond and continued to transmit wholly outdated and incorrect information.

The overall effect of this was that notice of cancellations was not made available in time to be of value to the travelling public and that when trains were actually running that information was not made public either.

Suggestions that the rail network should invest in some semaphore flags are not regarded as particu-larly helpful (!) but it is clear that the entire rail information service and those running it - needs an overhaul.

To the question as to why in the hardest-hit North East mainline trains continued to run while in the South East and South they ground to a halt received no real answer.

It does seem, though, that the intelligent and sophisticated new rolling stock is so sensitive that the trains cannot adjust to even relatively modest conditions of ice and snow – in sharp contrast to the more robust old "slam-door" trains.

I questioned Mr Horton as to the justification for a wholly unacceptable 12.8 per cent fare increase heaped on top of three years of already above average increases. The response appears to be that "we have to take a market judgement" which seems to me to be a euphemism for "We've got a captive clientele in East Kent so we are holding them to ransom to pay for the High Speed trains and for reductions in subsidy"

Looking to the future it will, of course, be for my Kent colleagues to judge but my view is that we should now invite Network Rail to talk to us, then hear in person from a selection of commuters and then write and produce a report to submit to David Quarmby for consideration by the Secretary of State.

I have made it clear to Southeastern that I will, personally, oppose any renewal of their franchise.

Whether that view will find support in the House or within the DfT I know not, but one thing is certain: we cannot continue in this climate of "more for less" payment.

Roger Gale MP



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#### **Jail for husband** who pushed his wife onto sofa

WHEN Jason Apps pushed his wife onto a sofa after he discovered she'd found another man it resulted in prison.

Normally such a minor assault wouldn't end with a jail sentence but Apps, 41, had hurt his wife before when he threw a vase at her.

He was on a suspended sentence and Sittingbourne Magistrates felt they had no alternative.

The court heard Apps and his partner were living an uneasy truce in the same

house in Grovehurst Avenue, Kemsley.

He was living upstairs and she lived downstairs, only communicating by text.

James Nichols, prosecuting, said Apps came down and saw his wife was talking about her new love on Facebook. He

pushed her away onto the sofa and she complained to police.

He admitted assaulting her. During interviews with police, Apps said he was smoking 30 cannabis joints a day because it helped him with his agrophobia. He was in breach of a suspended sentence for possessing dope and one for the previous assault.

Geoff Playford, defending, said: "After 10 years his partner said she'd found another man and was intending to leave him. It was a very minor assault and shouldn't have attracted a custodial sentence. He doesn't live in an ideal situation because it attracts a high level

Chairman of the bench Colin Drake said magistrates had no alternative but to send him to jail for 105 days.

### Illegal driver more than doubled the speed limit

#### BY IAN READ

AMAZED traffic cops chased Ryan Boswell at speeds of up to 80mph through Boughton and Faversham, a court was told.

Boswell, 26, drove through a red light at Brenley Corner, narrowly missing an oncoming car, and accelerated as he tried to throw police off his trail. He was finally stopped on the outskirts of town.

The defendant, of Priory Place, Faversham, admitted dangerous driving, failing to stop when requested by a constable, and having no insurance or driving licence at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court.

James Nichols, prosecuting, said Boswell's Frontera 4x4 was spotted travelling at speed in Courtenay Road, Dunkirk.

As it drove down the road it clipped the kerb twice and officers sped off in pursuit.

He said: "As it approached the A2 slip road the officers put on sirens and flashed their main beam but it didn't stop.

"As it approached the roundabout at Brenley Corner it drove through a red light, causing a car coming through a green light to brake sharply. As it approached Faversham it was doing 80mph in a 30mph zone."

He was finally stopped at Hilton Close.

Boswell, who was under the drink drive limit,

#### Father of four 'panicked' when he saw police



**HIGH SPEED CHASE:** Police put on their sirens and flashed their lights at Ryan Boswell, who drove through a red light and reached speeds of up to 80mph in a 30mph zone in his desperate attempt to avoid

told police he only drove because a lady friend was unfit and it wasn't his car.

The father of four defended himself.
He said: "I wanted to get home to my children.
I made the wrong decision to help somebody
and I panicked when I saw police. I'm sorry for putting other people in danger. I could have

Boswell was given a 90 day prison sentence suspended for a year, 200 hours community work and was also banned from driving for 18 months.

Chairman of the bench Colin Drake said: "You were a risk to the public. You disregarded an officer of the law and ran a red light nearly

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GLUED TO OUR SETS: Talked about TV this year has been (from above, clockwise) Mad Men; the Three Leaders' Debate; Facebook movie, The Social Network; Ann Widdecombe on Strictly Come Dancing; and the much-anticipated Tron Legacy

### A year to remember...

#### We look at the entertainment highlights, and lowlights, that made up 2010

IT'S been a funny old year.

A TV dietician learnt to faint on cue and Anne Widdecombe started to find herself liked

by the general public.

In May, it seemed for a while after the general election that the country was in some kind of strange limbo.

For 48 hours no-one knew quite who the Liberal Democrats would side with and the media went into a state of speculative frenzy.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage found it all too much and even had an election day plane crash, but very soon it was back to some kind of normality and Britain faced up to the cuts and the recession.

Politics did give us the TV event of the year with the three leader's debates, though.

If the hype after debate one on ITV was to be believed, the Second Coming had taken place in the form of Nick Clegg.

On reflection, it's funny how things change so fast

On the internet Twitter continued to thrive. The website is so much more than many first thought, and comes into its own when Prime Ministers insult northern pensioners, for example.

The site undoubtedly now helps shape public opinion.

As well as being highly amusing, Bigot-gate, guest starring Rochdale's Gillian Duffy, gave us one of the most unforgettable images of the year: Gordon Brown in a radio studio with his head in his hands, as he finally realised that, for him at least, the game was up.

For me, the TV show of the year was Mad Men, which deservedly won big at the awards ceremonies across the pond.

The drama set in a 1960s New York advertising agency may not sound thrilling but if you haven't acquainted yourself with this show then indulge yourself. If it's not the classiest show I've seen on TV then I couldn't tell you what is.

On BBC Two, The Trip breathed a bit of life into Steve Coogan's career. A bit repetitive maybe, but never has anyone had so much fun watching two middle-aged men bitch at each other over dinner doing impressions of Michael Caine.

Doctor Who welcomed Matt Smith into the role, but fans remain sceptical after the phenomenally successful David Tenant era.

A decent Christmas special is needed to con-

vince the public Smith's really the man for the T.A.R.D.I.S.

Matters Whovian were not helped when the Daleks were given a camp makeover, decked out with bigger skirts and bright colours. It was more a case of "DOES MY BUM LOOK BIG IN THIS?" than "EXTERMINATE!"

Much better from the Beeb was Sherlock, with the brilliantly named Benedict Cumberbatch as the super sleuth.

The show was a marvellous take on Holmes, and far better than Guy Richie's so-so film adaptation.

Of course none of us should ever forget Phil Mitchell's unlikely crack habit in EastEnders.

Watching a grizzled angry man rifle through a rubbish bin in search of more drugs has never been so gripping.

The XX deservedly scooped the Mercury music prize with their moody gothic rock and Stevie Wonder showed the hipsters how to really do it at Glastonbury with a storming

Warpaint injected a fresh wave of sexy, female angst into rock, as part of tripped-out grunge revival of sorts and the various X Factor rejects and winners from past years scored big hits despite releasing songs that were purely piffle, with Jedward chief culprits.

The show has now become a self-fulfilling prophecy, with the losers and the winner top ten fixtures year round, and the Cowell's masterplan complete.

cemented herself as the nation's sweetheart.

The year saw another glut of comic book movies hit the big screen but none were really too great.

Pick of the bunch was Iron Man II, but that did nothing that the first Iron Man hadn't done a lot better already.

Toy Story 3 was a winner though, and proved that Pixar can still sprinkle their magic on the industry.

The year previously James Cameron's Avatar proved 3D is here to stay and in 2010 a possibly jealous George Lucas announced



Inception was bold, smart and brimming with ideas and featured a fine performance from Leonard Di Caprio. OK, so many, me included, had to re-examine the plot after leaving their seats, but there's nothing wrong with having your mind blown once in a blue moon.

Unsurprisingly the Harry Potter film series continued, and many Muggles proclaimed it best of the films so far.

The Social Network was a surprise, however. A film about the origin of Facebook had me gripped and is one to see on DVD next year.

We end the year with Tron Legacy upon us. Early reviews have been good and if nothing else, it should be a true visual treat.

I end, regrettably, on a sombre note.

The Government's cuts will continue to make news in 2011 and many will hit home in the arts world in the near future.

Make no mistake, now is the time to get out and support your arts venues or you may find that your local theatre, gallery, cinema or arts group simply ceases to be.

Times are tough, but try and put some pounds by for a ticket or two if you can.

Happy Christmas... and stay entertained!

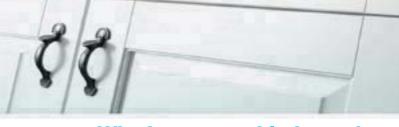






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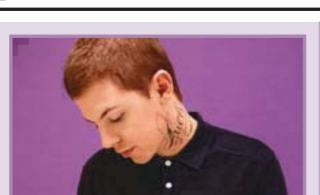
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**PROFESSOR GREEN** 

Monday, December 20, Onyx Nightclub, Folkestone



MOBO award-winning rapper Professor Green heads up a night of dance, R'n' B and urban music at Onyx.

Professor Green's career has hit dizzy heights this year with massive chart success with the Inxs-sampling hit I Need You Tonight', which led to him teaming up with Lily Allen for Just Be Good To Green.

He's also worked with Mark Ronson, Tinchy Strider, Chipmunk, Emile Sande and Labrinth, and scored hits with songs Monster and Jungle.

The night features two exclusive shows. It all starts at 6pm with an under 18's event where Professor Green will

headline a line up including Gracious K, Funky Dee and local talent, the artists Breeding Sequence and Jack Lumber.

At 10pm, it's a party for the over 18's when After Party kicks off with another exclusive performance from the man himself with a local support line up including Altered Mind State

Tickets for the first show are £8 in advance or £10 on the door, and then £5 in advance or £7 on the door for the second show and are available from Onyx's website at www.onyxnightclub.co.uk.

Alternatively call the club on 01303 252200.



#### THE RED HERRINGS

Saturday, December 18, The Salvation Army Hall, Portland Road, Hythe



THE fabulous Red Herrings will be making a long awaited return to Hythe for a Christmas

The Christmas with the Red Herrings concert will put you in the festive mood, as the talented youngsters play a variety of music

All the members of the band attended either the Harvey Grammar or the Folkestone School for Girls prior to entering university

Fred Smith, who plays bass in the band, said: "We really are looking forward to getting back together again. The last time we

played at the Salvation Army, it was a sell out, and the venue itself is both warm, inviting and acoustically good."
Richard Carroll, organiser,

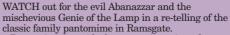
said: "These young people are to be admired, their musicality is outstanding and their easy listening jazz is a joy to listen too. I would invite anyone who would like their children to take up music to bring them along, they will be inspired."

The band will play at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £1 for children.

Call the box office on 01303 268354 to get yours.

#### **ALADDIN**

Until January 3, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



Pantomime is an ideal opportunity to introduce children to the delights of live theatre and for adults to recall childhood memories of trips to Pantoland.

The well-known and much-loved tale is a family favourite and once again the cast at the Granville Theatre will give it their own special treatment. Aladdin is a boy whose mother is a simple poor

washer woman known as Widow Twankey.

They live a simple life in the kingdom along with Wishee Washee their assistant, but when Aladdin falls in love with Princess Badroubadour, the emporer's daughter and a magic lamp is discovered the adventure really begins.

This year's production will feature many colourful

scenes, spectacular effects, live music and dancing. The cast this year is a fantastic mix of local talent

and visiting professional performers. Tickets are priced £11 to £15, concessions

available. Group deals are available. Call 01843 591750 to book or visit the website at www.granvilletheatre.com. All times and performance dates are also on the site.



#### **BAD MANNERS**

Wednesday, December 15, Quarterhouse, Folkestone



YOU may bust a blood vessel witnessing Bad Manners in action.

The famed two tone ska act, fronted by the indomitable singer Buster Bloodvessel, will be stomping on stage at the Quarterhouse.

They'll be rattling through their famous hits Lip Up Fatty, Special Brew, Can Can, My Girl Lollipop, Just a Feeling and many more.

The band were chart regulars in the 80s and courted on troversy on many occasions with their raucous antics on stage and off. They were known for brash performances and legendary live shows and this show will have you skanking until you can skank no more.

The band are always well-supported in the area due to Buster Bloodvessel's ties with Margate and performances at the Lounge on the Farm festival near Canterbury.

Support on the night comes from Max Splodge, hero of Splodgenessabounds and Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps fame, alongside a local ska band and some bonafide solid ska selectors filling in the gaps.

Tickets are £16 each. Buy online at www.quarterhouse.co.uk or by calling 01303 858500.



#### **CHASE AND STATUS**

Friday, December 17, Brake Hall, East Hill, Ashford

THE versatile electronic producers have supported The Prodigy and played at festivals including Glastonbury and V this year.

The drum and bass stars, whose real names are Saul Milton and Will Kennard, have been booked by Intimacy Promotions to play a 90-minute set, which will also feature MC Rage.

Organiser Joshua Heyburn said: "They will be playing everything that everyone knows as well as tracks from their new album which will be out soon. It's going to be huge."

Chase & Status' first album went to number two in the UK dance album charts and was voted the best album at the 2009 Drum and Bass awards.

The duo's recent tracks, End Credits featuring Plan B and Let You Go featuring

Mali, did well in the singles chart.
Their support acts in Ashford will include electronic newcomers You And What Army, local dubstep DJ Mr Strong and Kent electronic pop rock band LightsGoBlue, now on tour in the United States with Enter Shikari. Doors are open from 8pm until 11pm, over 14s only. Tickets are £15 and available from HMV stores in Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone and Maidstone. Or book online at www.seetickets.com or www.hmv.com.





### Reader Holidays

#### Winter Warmer Party

Warner Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight - Over 40s only



#### Friday, January 14, 2011

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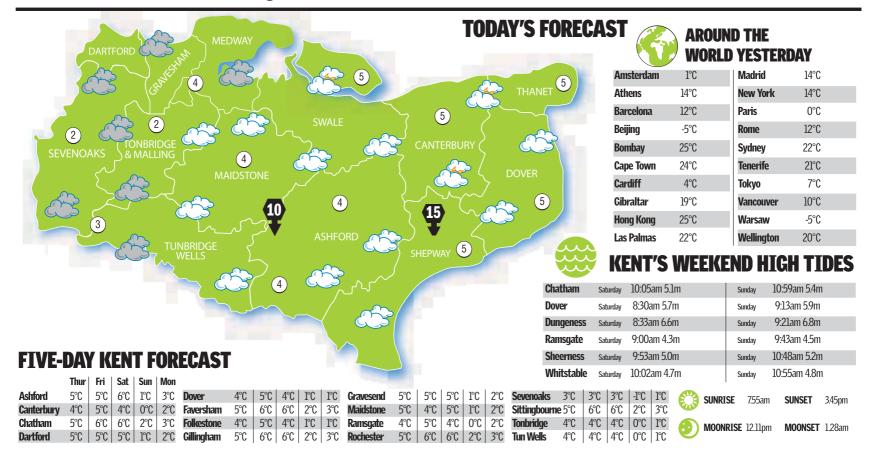
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A TOP TOUCH: The Blue Mickey records a rich, crisp sound ideal for making demos

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I mean, how good can a microphone you plug into an iPod dock

I was pleasantly surprised.

For a start, it's small and sturdy with a solid hinge that allows it to be best positioned to record whatever it is you need to record.

And the sound it captures is

both rich and crisp when you consider the mic's compact size.

The Mikey plus iPod combo turns the already-versatile Touch into the perfect field-recording tool. For journalists wishing to record an interview it's fast and simple, but the recording quality is also good enough for podcasts

and perhaps even radio.

With this in mind, the Blue FiRe recording software (downloadable from the App Store) is the way to go.

This free app, written specially to work with the Mikey, is optomised to get the best out of the miniscule microphone and it really does work

But voice recording is all very well... what about a real challenge?

I'm in a folk band called Los Salvadores, and often at band practice we've used the terrible microphones on our mobiles to record ideas, simply as a memory aid. This works to an extent, as long as all you're trying to capture is a quick snatch of singing or a guitar line here and there. Add in much more and it quickly becomes the sonic equivalent of a muddy puddle.

But recording whole songs with the whole six-piece band would be a powerful writing tool. Could the Mikey be the answer to providing instant reference demos? Could a mic this small really record six instruments with enough clarity and separation to draw meaningful conclusions about a track?

#### BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

I decided to put the mic to the ultimate test, and set up the Mikey-equipped Touch at a practice. I say set up... I launched Blue FiRe, pressed record and left it on a stool.

I was pleasantly surprised by the result. Forget phone microphones, the Mikey is in a different league. I'm not saying you can forgo full-blown studio set-ups quite yet, but if you are a musi-cian needing a fast and conveinient audio reference tool, you can do a lot worse (and pay a lot more) that this second gen Mikey.

And the fun doesn't stop there. Blue added a line input for recording guitars, and the Blue FiRe app includes a number of export options, so you can record a track and send it to a web server to be downloaded and edited in

It's conceivable that you and a number of Mikey-equipped mates could indulge in some pretty high quality online collaborations using nothing more than the plug-in mics and basic editing software.

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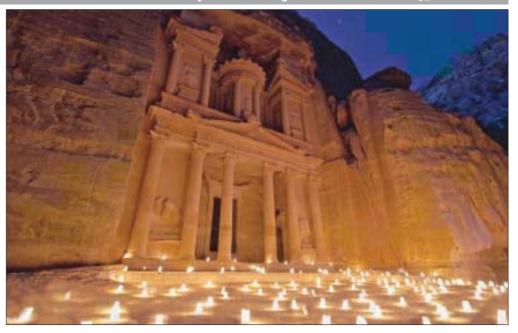
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ADVENTURE TRAIL: The Treasury at Petra is well known as the place where the Holy Grail is guarded in Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade.

### Follow in the adventurous footsteps of Hergé's Tintin

#### BY CAROLINE DAVISON

IT'S more than 50 years since Tintin, the cub reporter and cartoon character who has since become one of Belgium's best-loved exports, first set foot in Jordan with his faithful lieutenants Captain Haddock and Snowy the dog.

His adventures there provide the backdrop for a film to be released next year by Steven Spielberg and co-director Peter Jackson.

Of course, Jordan tourist wallahs

can hardly believe their luck.
One tour operator, On The Go
Tours, has won the backing of
Moulinsart (holder of the rights to the Tintin adventures) to start guided adventure tours taking in the Wadi Rum desert, the Dead Sea, the Red Sea and Petra, and I was lucky enough to experience an early taste of what visitors can expect.

The local agent collected us at Jordan's capital, Amman, with a comfy 25-seater coach and a cool box – a wonderful forethought in this sweltering country

Our first port of call was the Dead Sea, and en route we spotted the twinkling city lights of Jerusalem.

Our four-star hotel overlooking the beach was clean and spacious with welcoming staff.

Buffet breakfast next morning was such an interesting mix of British, continental and Jordanian fare that I expected to become the first person to sink in the sea's salty

Floating in the Dead Sea is a surreal experience. It's so salty that FACT FILE: JORDAN

Time difference + two hours (GMT) **Capital** Amman Language Arabic **Population** 6,407,000 **Currency** Jordanian dinar Religion

Caroline Davison was a guest of On The Go Tours which offers holidays to Jordan from six to 11 days, including the dedicated Tintin tour of Jordan and the Rose City. Prices for the Tintin tour from February 2011 start at £2,029. Some tours are dedicated family tours, and some include a Tintinologist. Reservations: 020 7371 1113 and www.onthegotours.com.



cuts sting like fury on entry into the water, but once you lie back and shut

your eyes it's glorious.

I washed back to the shore like flotsam after keeping my eyes shut for a bit too long - which gave me an incentive to cover myself in Dead Sea mud, provided free on the beach.

We then headed towards our next stop - Little Petra. Dropped off in the hills a few miles from the hotel, we found Arabian horses waiting to transport us the final distance. Guides led us along the Al Hasanat path and two hours later we stopped for a glass of sweet black tea which replenished our energy levels to complete the journey to the hotel.

The next day it was off to the Unesco heritage site of Petra - the Rose City. Featured in the Tintin story Red Sea Sharks, it's well known as the place where the Holy Grail is guarded in Spielberg's Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade.

After walking just over a mile we emerged between the rock faces to the sight of the Treasury, Petra's most elaborate ruin which is hewn into a sandstone cliff. Wadi Rum didn't disappoint. Dropped off at the edge of the desert, we boarded a Jeep to get into the heart of the landscape, passing sand dunes and camel herders. The area is peaceful, relax-

ing and breathtakingly beautiful.

The full Tintin tour also includes two days at the Red Sea, with a boat trip to the Pharaon Islands and the chance of snorkelling. There's also a free day to relax before transferring to Amman for the journey home.

No doubt the Spielberg film will be wonderful - but it won't match the thrill of retracing Tintin's route across Jordan.

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CURVY blue eyed brunette, 23, fun loving and bubbly, likes wild nights out but would prefer cosy nights in with a special fun loving older male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355271

PETITE curvy female, witty and fun, always on the go, many interests WLTM intelligent outgood times. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 9906 515 7112

Box No: 355269

CURVY strawberry blonde, 26, baby blue eyes, seeks fun loving tactile guy for friendship, hopefully more. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355245

BEAUTIFUL slim brunette, big brown eyes, 39, kind and gentle nature, seeks similar kind male for 

ATTRACTIVE female 38, blue eyes, blonde hair, WLTM nice looking slim/well built man to share life, love and special times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355241

CURVY blue eyed blonde, many interests, seeks well built male who's looking for an uncomplicated relationship with a real woman. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355239 🗒

HAPPY attractive, versatile black female, 37, 5ft 7ins, slim, likes reading, music, nature, seeks N/S, genuine gent, 35-48 to share life, laughter. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359907

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910

LADY 50, West Sussex, seeks generous romantic for discreet, special daytime fun, no strings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No:

BEAUTIFUL slim brunette, will try anything once, varied interests. Seeks laid back male for friendship, good conversations and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333679 \$\frac{1}{9}\$ Box No: 348545 Box No: 348545

REAL party girl, blonde, 34, attractive and funny, looking for similar ties, seeks tall, slim, attractive guy guy who also knows how to have a with big heart as well as personaling good time. Tel No: 0906 for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353663

VERY attractive happy go lucky female, 37, long dark hair, lovely smile, seeks cool exciting guy to enjoy life to the full with, Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353659

VERY pretty funny slim brunette, 39, fit and active, seeks good looking guy for fun romance and more. ACA. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354653

ROCKEFELLER 38, medium build, fair, funny, bubbly, likes con-versation, seeks male for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box

TALL female, medium build, bubbly, chatty, likes nights in, cooking, days out, seeks interesting male for friendship, maybe more. Worthing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353357 🗒

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033

YOUNG black female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male 30-47 for genuine relation-ship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382706

VOLUPTUOUS bubbly female with red hair, 32, outgoing and fun, seeks genuine, down to earth male to enjoy life and love with. Tel No 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354649

BEAUTIFUL slim blonde 38 lov ing, sensitive and a hopeles romantic, looking for love with similar tactile male to be her bes mate. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354647

PETITE curvy cuddly blonde, hazel eyes, much love to give, seeks romantic, tactile male for LTR. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354625

SMALL attractive black haired female, 23, WLTM someone special for a happy loving future together. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354621

MISCHIEVOUS female, feminine, attractive, cultured, likes arts, music seeks strong minded male for friendship/companionship. Tel for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354619

22, seeks older, generous guy 65 plus who knows how to pamper. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348545

QUIET smart, brown eyed lady, likes meals out and dancing, WLTM laidback mature man to share laughter/TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352673 €

CURVY brunette, loving but a bit of a dreamer looking to share special times together with likeminded easygoing male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352671

ATTRACTIVE fun, friendly blonde seeks fun guy. Suπon. Iei No 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502

TINY attractive fun loving lady likes to cook romantic meals, music and dancing, WLTM medium built likeminded male for loving LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352119

ADORABLE beauty, curvy, caring, down to earth, trained lawyer, seeks good man for friendship, companionship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351337

LOVELY green eyed brunette likes long romantic walks, seeks tall, outgoing male with GSOH to light up her life. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351343 🗒

travel looking for someone genuine and honest to share cosy evenings in with a bottle of wine, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351341

DOWN to earth, slim brunette curves in all the right places, look-ing for easygoing, fun guy for some relaxed fun times. Looks unimpor-. suaveu run times. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353415



LIVELY curvy blue eyed blonde likeminded guy with to get to know and hang out with. Tel No: 0906

OUTGOING blonde bombshell 44, gorgeous green eyes, seeks caring male who is also looking for lots of fun and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353655

CURVY young looking widow loves dancing, nights out, but would prefer cosy nights in with that special male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353483

WARM hearted female, curves in all the right places, new to area, seeks intelligent male to share interests, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box

many interests, just wants to meet

NS, non drinking gent, loving and caring for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 MALE 55, passionate, lots of TLC Box No: 354749

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50'S and still sexy, looking for a Tel No: 0906 515 7/112 Box No: 3534713 8 7/112 Box No: 353355 7/112 Box No: 353355

CUDDLY bubbly female, 49, lovely personality, many interests WLTM nice man with similar interests for friendship first. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353453 0 looked after in return. Tel No: 0906 100 looked 100 looked

LEGGY brunette, young 50's, easygoing looking for excitement, likes nature, animals, nights out, seeks similar tall, solvent male for fun and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353421

SLIM blue eved brunette, 48, lovlikes pubs, nights in/out seeks simpetites blonde, 39, seeks tall genilar romantic male to get to know. uine fun to be with male to be

ROSEMARY 62, caring Christian, professional, divorced, seeks male oLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friend-for friendship, maybe more. Tel ly, seeks mature male for fun No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382496 515 7112 Box No: 382192

GORGEOUS tall brunette, blue eyes, many fun interests looking for someone special to enjoy fur/someone special to enjoy fur/someone

young 59, very good company, looking for attractive, cultured, attractive, size 16, black hair, loler male to share interests, good green eyes, no ties, dog, likes conversation and who knows. Tel walks, meals out, nights in, social-took of 515 7112 Box No: 10906 515 7112 Box No: 10906 515 7112 Box No: 353455

FEMALE 60's, likes music, reading, Grandchildren, WLTM honest, 39, down to earth, fit and active, trustworthy gent 55-65 for friendship, maybe more. Portsmouth. Tel share red wine, good conversations. 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352711

ATTRACTIVE blue eyed blonde, 41, no ties, seeks someone easy-going and fun who can make life a bit more interesting. Looks unim-portant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352703

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#### Men Seeking

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FUN loving guy 50, 5ft 10ins, TALL attractive, intelligent male,

SINGLE professional Indian male, N/S, attractive, 5ft 7ins, medium build, vegetarian, 50, young outbook, seeks white female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354781

MALE 55, passionate, lots of TLC box No: 354749 stip give adventurous, broadminded lady looking for soul mate. YOUNG looking 60yr old guy, 5th grapshire. Tel No: 9906 515 rins, brown hairleyes, likes lunch-7112 Box No: 354851 sout, seeks slim-medium build south seeks slim-medium build slim-medium b

LOVELY warm 60 plus lady sought STEVE 42, medium build, genfor special friendship with late 50's uine, seeks nice female for love male, full heart, empty wallet, and family life. Basingstoke. Tel 050SOH. Surery/Sussex. Tel No No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354465 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383192 0355193 055193

YOUNG good looking, medium build male, mid 30's, seeks mature, older female for fun and passionate evenings in this cold weather. London/Herts, Tel No: weather. London/Herts, Tel No: seeks lady with similar interests for weather. London/Herts, Tel No: seeks lady with similar interests for movie going and popcorn likes all things cultural, travel, lunching. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

Box No: 384977

GRAHAM 55, 5ft 11ins, dark hair, london. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

Box No: 383024 €

Society of the total control of

cats, travel, cooking, seeks gen-uine female, looks unimportant it what's inside, 54-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383016

seeks outgoing, feminine, mature 46, seeks funny, sexy, female lover female, 45-60 for TLC. London. Tel for passionate meetings. S Wilts. No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354803

many interests, just warns to meet an honest decent guy and make him happy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

Box No: 353417 | Fyou are over 50, not over the hill, ATTRACTIVE blond, blue eyed him happy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

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Christmas that's not enjoyable? Sincere gent, 49, seeks lady, 35-45 to celebrate, exchange presents, party and shop till we drop. Think

MARK single dad, likes stock cars, nights in/out, seeks female for fun and friendship. Horley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383112

32YR old male, 6ft 3ins, attractive, seeks similar age, attractive, seeks similar age, attractive, seeks similar age, attractive female for good times. Crawley.

Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: MALE seeks slim female, 38-48

with varied interests. S London. Tel

No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: MALE seeks female for serious relationship. Stratfort Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353017

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Willie mate; 32, mes unterlia, holidays, weekends away, seeks sincere, genuine, black lady, 35 SLIM 52yr old male, 5ft 9ins, N/S, plus for serious relationship, lots of love to give, seeks similar London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 aged female to share life together. Box No: 334434 \$1 \$20 Carawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

TOY boy 20's, seeks Mrs Claus for DAVE 60, 5ft 11ins, caring, romana fantastic Christmas full of lust tic, seeks female, 40 plus, size 14 and passion. London. Tel No: 16 to chill out for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 3544925 Tool 16 to chill out for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354789 South 16 No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354789 South 16 No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 0906 515 7

HASTINGS male, 46, 5ft 10ins, medium build, blue eyes, fair hair, GSOH, chatty, romantic, caring, likes walks, cycling, cosy times, seeks similar female, 29-48 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383050 🖺 📂

MUCH too young to be 57, hardworking, nice guy, slim, 5ft 6ins, smoker, smart/casual, missing female company, likes most things, looking for a fun LTR. Hastings. Tel No: 0996 515 7112 Box No: 383032

52YR old male, slim, 5ft 9ins, N/S, lots of love, care, attention to give to female of similar age. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354211

PROFESSIONAL successful male, 45, 6ft, fit, adventurous, fun loving, romantic, enjoyable? seeks attractive, outgoing female slady, 35-45 to enjoy the good things in life, per presents, Brighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 drop. Think Box No: 353349

about it, its time to change. extremely genuine, sin-Lindfield. Tel No: 9906 515 7112 51YR old retired chef, 5ft 8ins, cere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks Box No: 383122 \$\frac{\text{lind}}{\text{sin}}\$ fish/Italian, down to earth, seeks warm, sincer Irish/Italian, down to earth, seeks petite female, any age/looks. Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382806

lots of love to give, seeks similar aged female to share life together. Crawley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352865

CHRIS 49, own home, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353977

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks similar, attractive, kind, genuine female for relationship. East Grinstead. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112** 

buots, candielit cuisine, seeks cuddly, attractive lady. Haslemere. Tel Seeking No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: Seeking

LOCAL Andover male, seeks local Andover female, 30-50 for loving, lasting relationship. N/S with no children. Tel No: 09006 515 7112 Box No: 353787

TALL white guy, brown hair/eyes,
49, seeks female with good personality for friendship, maybe
more. London. Tel No: 0906 515
7112 Box No: 354113

BLUE eyed male, 60's, slim, active, 5ft 5ins, solvent, likes socialising, drives, travel, seeks petite female for LTR. Burgess Hill. Tel No: 9906 515 7112 Box No: 382996

EASYGOING fun loving guy 6ft 2ins, mousey hair, blue/grey eyes, likes pubs, clubs, walks, motorbikes, seeks soul mate. Littlehampton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382948

ATTRACTIVE

warm, sincere,
Oriental/Black/Asian female.
Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112
Box No: 353693

DAVID 51, divorced, shy, 5ft 7ins, 26YR old tall male, dark complex-seeks female for friendship. 45 ion, handsome. carino. seeks ion, handsome, caring, seeks female, 18-40 for kisses, cuddles

WHITE male, young looks, new to area, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Hastings. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382330 ∰

FUNNY chatty 44yr old male, seeks special lady for special times. Cheam. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382534

GENUINE male 39 fit handsome

### Gay

ATTRACTIVE non scene gay hunk, late 20's, seeks older, solvent gent, 65 plus for mutual fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

scene, straight acting, seeks older gent, 65 plus for mutual spoiling and pampering. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

YOUNG 60yr old male, likes cats, cooking, travel, seeks male, 54-70, CD/TV to share life. Bexhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382616 ∰

YOUNG 60yr old male, likes ani-SLIM white male, 47, young looks, mals, cats, tv, cooking, seeks likes cinema, walks, reading, TV/CD, 50-70 for LTR, Bexhill. Tel seeks curvy, large female for LTR, No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 333018

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### Enjoy the last in the Narnia series, but it won't be a tearful farewell

#### BY **DAMON SMITH**

THERE'S action and adventure ahoy in the third book of CS Lewis's enchanting Namia series, published back in the 1950s.

Following on from the daring escapades of Prince Caspian, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader sets sail without the two eldest Pevensie children, Peter (William Moseley) and Susan (Anna Popplewell), and pressgangs some fresh talent to carry the series into the choppy waters of the fourth book, The Silver Chair

Director Michael Apted bows down to the current fad of 3D format but this version of the film barely takes advantage of the eye-popping possibilities.

Most of the cast return with the notable absence of Eddie Izzard as the voice of swordwielding mouse, Reepicheep.

He's replaced by Simon Pegg, who rouses the cast into action by telling the children: "There is no honour in turning away from adventure.'

The film opens with Peter away at university and Susan in America, consigning Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes) to a miserable stay with stuffy cousin, Eustace Scrubb (Will Poulter).

He collects insects and can't think of anything nicer than pinning his relatives to the wall like butterfly specimens.

"Note to self: investigate the legal ramifica-tions of impaling relatives," he writes in his journal.

During a fight between Edmund and Eustace, a painting in the guest bedroom magically transports all three children to Narnia and on to the titular vessel captained by Drinian (Gary Sweet).

Eustace is aghast but Lucy and Edmund settle in quickly as Narnian royalty, reuniting with King Caspian (Ben Barnes) and Reepicheep (Pegg) aboard The Dawn Treader.

It transpires that Caspian is on a quest to locate the swords of seven lost noblemen and







WAVE OF 3D: There's plenty of action and adventure in the finale of the Narnia series, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

the Pevensie children pledge their support, encountering the White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and the majestic lion Aslan (Liam Neeson)

"Until you lay down the seventh sword, evil has the upper hand," reveals the magician Coriakin (Bille Brown).

"To defeat the darkness out there, you must defeat the darkness inside yourself," he adds

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is the most crudely constructed of the films, loosely stitching together the set pieces with comical altercations between Eustace and his courageous

Inevitably, the new boy discovers the hero within, while Lucy learns valuable lessons about self-confidence and beauty.

Production design is impressive and the script introduces two monsters for the special effects-heavy finale that should delight younger audiences.

Poulter matures from comic relief to wouldbe hero - he's the central character of the fourth book - while Henley and Keynes make the most of their underwritten roles before they too bid a tearful farewell to their fantastical friends.

Our eyes remain dry.

#### THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER Certificate PG



**NOT SO SIMPLE:** Nigel Slater's cookery series just leaves us feeling inadequate

#### YOUR TV REVIEW NIGEL SLATER'S SIMPLE SUPPERS: Channel 4, 9pm. Monday

THE second series of Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers came to an end last week. The programme owes much to his namesake Nigella Lawson. The show is full of the same slow panning shots over steaming food that has been lovingly caressed onto the dinner plate by its creator.

Mr Slater also delivers his pieces to camera with a cheeky glint in his eye and narration that suggests cooking is as sexy as Fenella Fielding smoking on the chaise longue in Carry on Screaming.

This whole programme has touched a raw nerve with me. Not only do we have to put up with yet another cooking programme in primetime but it is also totally misleading.

To most of us a simple supper is something like beans on toast or an omelette but this is not the case with

#### BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

No he decides to rustle up pork loins in beer or cook alfresco with his home

Each of the programmes in the series has some pretentious title like: "Too Good to Waste" or "Unsung Heroes".

In the former episode Nigel suggests all the imaginative things we can do with those unwanted bits and bobs that get forgotten at the back of the fridge or that reside in a dusty cupboard.

The only thing is, to make these old nuggets of potato and crusty cheese taste good Nigel, unlike the rest of us, has a whole host of weird and wonderful ingredients at his disposal.

Let's face it, a stale old cream cracker tastes great once you dob a little caviar on top.

He is also is a great advocate of grow

your own too. Throughout the series not only do we get the chance to see Nigel's little green heaven, he also visits mere mortals who have managed to grow a turnip in their acre of home counties hillside.

It may taste nice buts it's not an option open to the population who live in flats or whose terrace house has a garden only big enough for an old coal bin and a rotary washing line.

This really is aspiration TV of the worst kind. Don't kid us this is something we can all do. It just makes us feel shameful when we reach for the ready meal on the supermarket shelf or heat up cold tea in the microwave. If Nigel warmed his tea he would grow his own woodland, fell the trees, chop the wood and build a fire just to infuse his brew with that unforgettable charcoal flavour; just in time for the next series.

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### Hyundai's downsizer comes with all the toys

HYUNDAI cranks up competition in the mini-MPV sector from November 18 with the launch of its roomy yet compact ix20, priced from £11,595.

The niche was identified by the Honda Jazz, but the trend for downsizing has increased demand and choice and the Hyundai will appeal not just on pricing, but also with its five-year warranty.

Standard features kicking off three trim levels include height-adjustable driver's seat, air con, six airbags plus active head restraints, and six-speaker sound system with MP3/USB input.



### Lexus hybrid cuts costs without compromise

LEXUS has announced an attractive entry price of £23,485 for its all-new CT200h executive hatchback hybrid.

With a road tax-exempt 94g/km CO2 emissions, potential average mpg of nearly 70 and a 10 per cent benefit-in-kind company car tax rating plus the upmarket badge, the petrol-electric model should make company car user choosers think twice.

But buyers will need to opt for midgrade SE-L (£25,200) for the true executive leather seats, with heated front ones.



### C3 gets Cherry aid to boost Picasso's sales

IT probably didn't need it, but Citroën's award-winning C3 Picasso MPV (from £12,695) has been updated and is now available with an ultra-low emission 110bhp diesel and six-speed gearbox.

The 90bhp sister diesel is also sold in a Blackcherry special edition (£15,195), with cherry red and black detailing, plus high spec including roof bars, cherry red diamond-tipped alloys, air con, cruise control and USB/Bluetooth connectivity.

All C3 Picasso diesels now escape road tax in year one and the whole range has energy-saving Michelin tyres.



DISTINCTIVE: The almost all-new Saab 9-5 delivers everything you'd expect from the brand – turbocharged generous spec, comfort, acres of space, and traditional design

# Saab back from the brink with powerful new twist

ONLY Sweden's Saab – famous for original thinking – could have fabricated a Norse saga involving the brand's near death experience earlier this year.

The former General Motors (GM) brand is fast reviving though, in partnership with Dutch supercar maker Spyker, and tapping into much goodwill in the UK, where it is also celebrating 50 years in the car market.

Leading the revival is the long-awaited Saab 9-5 replacement – the previous car can trace its origins to 1997.

Though based on the classy Vauxhall Insignia during Saab's final years with GM, as much as 70 per cent of the new 9-5 is all our own work, say the Swedes.

The distinctive bodywork is certainly in the great Saab tradition – so, in Abba-speak, you could say the brand is re-Bjorn.

It is priced from £26,695 with a generous standard spec and hi-tech features including aircraft-style head-up display, adaptive lighting and cruise control, adaptive chassis, keyless entry and starting, dual-zone air con; dynamic

### ROAD TEST

#### BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

parking assistance and all-wheel drive.

The engine line-up is all turbocharged — what did you expect from the turbo master brand? — and includes a 1.6-litre petrol unit that concedes little in performance to the slightly dearer diesel entry model, though fuel consumption is markedly inferior.

The 160PS (157bhp) 2.0-litre TiD Vector SE diesel we tested feels heavy and, like standard versions of the Insignia – not as nimble as you come to expect from BMW and Audi rivals.

But the ride comfort and long-distance cruising ability is impressive, with loads of space for those in the back and a massive boot.

The cabin isn't gaudy or innovative, but just carefully laid out in the Saab way; aficionados like to think Saab dashboards can trace their lineage back to the aviation parent company.

The powertrain and six-speed auto gearbox matches this refinement and the front-end styling won't let you down in the office car park.

styling won't let you down in the office car park. I think the designer's hand strayed a little towards the rear of the car, but this opinion started a lively debate whenever I raised it with colleagues, so it's one of those "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" motors.

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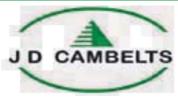
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#### Maintenance skills lost on younger generation

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The comments follow research by Saga Home Insurance, based in Sandgate, which found that younger people are now far more likely to rely on professional help to fix problems in the home, rather than carry out work themselves.

According to the report, 18 per cent of

adults under the age of 40 would pay a tradesman to repair leaking or broken pipes in their property, compared to five per cent who would attempt to mend them personally.

Jason Orme, editor of Homebuilding & Renovating, said many younger homeowners now work such long hours that performing home improvement tasks in their spare time is the "last thing they

"There is no question that many young people don't tend to have those basic DIY maintenance skills anymore and it is disappointing" he added.

The research from Saga revealed over-50s were three times more likely than under-35s to repair pipes, while more than a quarter of the older age group would replace missing roof tiles, compared with just one per cent of their younger peers.

#### **Market trends causing** increase in cost to rent

INCREASED demand and a fall in the supply of new properties led to a rise in rents in the three months to the end of October, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has

În its latest survey, 39 per cent more surveyors reported seeing an increase, rather than a fall, in rents compared with a positive balance of 27 per cent during the previous three months.

The reading is now at its highest since the second quarter of 2007, tenant demand having been boosted by a shortage of mortgage finance and lenders'

demands for high deposits.

Across the UK, London saw the biggest increase in rental prices and even prospects in the North, where rents have been falling, took a turn for the better.

The Institution's spokesperson, Jeremy Leaf, said: "The lettings sector has become increasingly strong over the past nine months, in contrast to the housing market which continues to slow.



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### South East the best in UK as house price slump continues

BY NICK AMES

THE LATEST house price index from the Nationwide Building Society has revealed a 0.3 per cent fall for the month of November compared with October - the fourth time in five months that prices registered a fall.

The latest fall means house prices are now just 0.4 per cent higher than this time last year, with the average UK home costing £163,398.

However, regional variations continue to be a factor – with the South East performing better than other parts of the UK.

Worst figures are for the north of England and Scotland while analysts say good rail and road links and an increase in demand for coastal homes have been factors in making the local market less affected.

But Nationwide's chief economist Martin Gahbauer said house price declines are unlikely to accelerate "in the months ahead".

"There is little to indicate that these sellers need to achieve a sale urgently for financial or economic reasons which means the downward pressure on house prices is only modest," he said.

There is little good news surrounding the housing market currently.

Earlier this week housing intelligence group Hometrack revealed their house prices figures for England and Wales fell for the fifth consecutive month in November.

According to Hometrack house prices fell by 0.8 per cent in the month to £155,000.

Other housing surveys suggest the market is cooling. The Land Registry reported a 0.8 per



**FALLING MARKET:** As house prices continue to fall mortgage lenders have also seen a drop in numbers of applicants

cent fall in house prices for the month of October, while figures revealed a slump in the number of homes sold in October in the UK.

#### **Expectations**

According to government statistics 79,000 homes worth at least £40,000 or more were sold in the month, a fall of 11 per cent on an annual basis.

The number of new mortgages approved in the month fell to 30,766, down from 31,058 in September - representing the lowest level since March 2009 - when the country was in the midst of its worst recession in decades.

The figures confounded analysts expectations of a rise to 31,300 and continue to suggest the mortgage market will remain subdued over the coming months.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Bank of England have both reported falls in mortgage lending over recent months.

Meanwhile, house prices are expected to continue to come under pressure as new instructions continue to outstrip buyer demand.

### Householders encouraged to insulate their homes as cold snap and rising energy costs take a hold

THIS winter has delivered an unexpected early icy blast with some areas already having been subjected to six inches of snow, and with the sub-zero temperatures expected to continue this is an early indication of the long and extremely cold months ahead.

In fact, in some parts of Britain it was actually colder than Greenland, so those householders who failed to check out their home insulation earlier in the year will no doubt be really feeling the cold. National

Insulation

Association (NIA) is advising that it's never too late to obtain the benefits of home insulation, and householders don't need to sit and suffer for the rest of the winter as there is still time to rectify a home's energy performance.

#### Alarming

A spokesman for the group said: "Just as your body quickly loses heat if you venture into the cold without extra clothes, un-insulated roofs and walls are letting more than 40 per cent of your

home's energy escape so it is common sense to add a few layers.

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Canterbury ladies as they took their outdoor form indoors to make a perfect start to the

super sixes.

Nick Clark's side won all four of their matches to top the Premier Division table at the halfway mark in the National Indoor Hockey Championships. The club's men made a more modest start to their campaign, but are in contention to make the finals day at Wembley Arena next month.

There were slight concerns the ladies, who top the outdoor Premier Division after the first half of the season, had not done enough

#### HOCKEY

indoor training before last weekend's first batch of games

With that in mind they are perhaps fortunate to have Reading, Slough, Bowdon and Leicester next month, but regardless of their opponents they hit the ground running in

Chelmsford were beaten 4-1 in Canterbury's opening game on Saturday, before thrashing Trojans 8-1.

Sunday's games were much tighter and

away, Canterbury finally edging them out 4-3. A 6-2 win against Sutton Coldfield was enough to take them top of the table heading into next month's second weekend of games.

Kwan Browne's men, bottom of the outdoor Premier Division, got away to a good start in Bristol with a 7-3 win against Beeston. It was followed by a 9-7 defeat to old Loughtonians, but draws on Sunday against Bowdon (10-10) and Surbiton (7-7) kept them in the hunt.

Only goal difference is keeping them out of the all-important top four ahead of the concluding group games in the New Year.



**BACK INDOORS:** Natalie Seymour clears the danger

#### RUGBY



**POSITIVE:** Canterbury hope to overcome issues

#### No budget for new players at city club

DANNY Vaughan remains convinced his Canterbury squad have more than enough talent to climb well away from danger in National 2 South in the New

The city club were due to visit the division's whipping boys, Newbury Blues, on Saturday, but they were denied the opportunity of a morale-boosting win when their Monks Lane pitch failed an inspection

It was the second game the club have had cancelled in succession, meaning this weekend's eagerly-awaited Kent derby with Westcombe Park will be their first run-out in three weeks.

The postponements have not helped the side, who have won just once in eight outings since the first week in October. It is a run which has seen Canterbury

slip to 11th, which heightens the need to get a result at Merton Lane on Saturday against a Park side in real danger of relegation three places below them.

Vaughan, Canterbury's head coach, admitted a tighter playing budget this year had taken its toll, but had given younger players an opportunity to shine, which was beginning to bear fruit.

He said: "We have had to develop play-

ers and bring them through. This is the first time since I've been here we haven't gone out and signed a lot of players. There's not the money there this year.

"It is a struggle but we have some good lads and hopefully if we can stay healthy, then some of the youngsters will get









STAYING: Martin van Jaarsveld (left) looked at his options elsewhere this summer, but will be lining up for Kent next season, while Chris Piesley (right) has signed a one-year deal

### Jarre admits summer upheaval had him looking to leave Kent

**CRICKET** 

BY GLENN PEARSON

MARTIN van Jaarsveld has revealed that he did look at his options away from St Lawrence this summer, but has confirmed he will be lining up for Kent in Division Two next season.

The South African was rumoured to be among a group of players concerned about Kent's precarious financial state towards the end of last season. Interest in the batsman, who has consistently scored more than 1,000 runs a season in his six years at Kent, resurfaced, this time from Lancashire.

The 36-year-old had previously turned down an offer to captain Surrey during the 2009 summer, instead signing a three-year contract at St Lawrence, but concerns about whether the club could add to its wafer-thin playing staff had the dressing room fearing the worst.

Now van Jaarsveld, who preferred not to comment on speculation about his future during the season, has lifted the lid on the reasons why he looked elsewhere, but is now ultimately committed to helping Kent back to the County

Championship's Division One. "The permutations were pretty much family

orientated," he said, speaking from his home in Pretoria. "At one stage in the summer I was slightly concerned with the financial issues at the club; whether there would be any backing to bring in new blood or sign a few new bowlers. It came across that things at the club were pretty tight. The picture painted at the time was pretty bleak, but now the development has started there's been talk of an overseas bowler and that's really had an input and changed the

"It was more of a career point of view and a family point of view that maybe I looked elsewhere. But at the moment I am pretty happy at Kent and I'm looking forward to helping the

boys back into the first division. Recruiting a bowler or two is high on the wish-list for next season, although finances and the availability of players as a result of the

Indian Premier League will determine whether

that comes off. Wayne Parnell, the South

African left-arm seamer who spent some time

at Kent in 2009, is one potential target and van Jaarsveld believes adding to the bowling stocks is a step that needs to be taken.

"It's massive. No disrespect to the guys who bowled this season, but we need someone with the X factor up front," he said. "If you can get a team on the ropes early doors and if you want to win any four-day game, you have to get 20 wickets.

"[Parnell] did really well when he was here before and the added incentive if he were to come back was that he brings Treddy [James Tredwell] into the game. If Parny could come, it would be a really good signing for us."

The Transvaal-born right-hander, who played nine Test matches and 11 One-Day Internationals for his country, plans to spend the winter in South Africa working on his game, but is yet to decide whether to play any club cricket.

 Three Kent youngsters have signed new development contracts at St Lawrence.

Left-hand batsman Chris Piesley and offspinner Adam Riley have signed one-year deals, while former England under-19 wicketkeeper Sam Billings - who will act as Geraint Jones' deputy next season - has signed a two-vear contract.

### **Cool display from Bay** nets an FA Vase spot

#### **FOOTBALL**

BY **DAVID PRITCHARD** 

#### **Herne Bay 2**

Jenner 55, Harvey 90

#### **Colliers Wood United 0**



A GOOD campaign is beginning to evolve into a memorable season at Winch's Field as Herne Bay swept into the national stages of the FA Vase for the first time in more than a decade.

Although the tie was not put beyond doubt until second-half stoppage time, when Luke Harvey made it 2-0, Bay never looked like slipping up against a limited Colliers Wood

The victory extended the Kent League leaders' unbeaten run to 17 games in all competitions. More importantly, it sent them through to the last-32 of the FA Vase, a level they have not reached since 1998.

Simon Halsey, who recently celebrated his first anniversary in charge, rated the achievement as the best in his brief but successful tenure at the club.



**GOAL** Luke Harvey netted in injury time for Herne Bay

He said: "It's just good for Herne Bay Football Club. For 13 years they've not done anything. Last season we came runners-up [in the league] and won the League Cup, this season we're in the last 32 of the Vase, so all in a year it's happened quite quickly. What we've achieved in that time, me as a manager and the players as a squad, is magnificent.

"I think [the Vase] does top everything else so far, considering the club hasn't reached this stage for so long. I think it's great for the club to be into the national stage, that's where it really starts now. I'm proud as punch.

The hosts had not played for a fortnight due to the snow and began like a side in a hurry There were less than 60 seconds on the watch when Harvey's low shot beat Wood goalkeeper Daniel Burnett, but struck an upright and rebounded to safety.

#### **Herne Bay starting XI**



Subs used: S Brown (Marsden 84), Eastwood (M Turner 87), King (Walker 90)

Burnett went on to become the key player in a first-half which at times resembled shooting practice. He made several smart saves, notably tipping a vicious free-kick from Toby Ashmore over the crossbar early on.

Halsey preached the need for patience at the break but it was not needed for long. Within ten minutes of the restart Bay had their lead. Steve Hanson's ball over the top enticed Burnett out of his area, but Dan Lawrence got their first and delayed his cut back perfectly for Jenner, who arrived to slot home past two men on the line.

Despite the slender lead, Bay never looked troubled defensively and Harvey added the icing in stoppage time with his fourth goal of the season.

Victory set Halsey's side up with a home tie next month, with defending champions Whitley Bay the most likely opponents. Before then it is back to the league, with a trip to Deal Town on Saturday.

#### ROLLER HOCKEY



CUP TIE: Herne Bay United Kings face Lloret de Mar

#### **United off to Costa Brava for Euro win**

A TRIP to the Costa Brava awaits Herne Bay United Kings this weekend, but soaking up some winter sunshine will be the last thing on

the English roller hockey champions' minds.
United face Lloret de Mar on Saturday for
the second leg of their CERS Cup tie, trailing
6-2 after their first meeting thanks to two goals from Brendan Barker.

Bad weather accounted for their only league game between the two legs, so United have not played competitively since playing the Spanish professionals at the Pier last month.

Despite the odds being stacked against them, United have taken confidence from their second-half performance in the first game, which was shared 1-1.

Player/coach Phil McVey is relishing the trip, but rejected any suggestion his side were travelling just to enjoy the occasion.

He said: "I don't care if it's a game of tiddlywinks, I want to win and the team is the same. We want to go there, perform and do ourselves and English roller hockey proud.

"We know we're not going to win the competition, but that's not the point. In the same way a non-league football club will have their season defined by a good cup run it's great for us to play these top teams.

United will travel with a fully fit squad, although McVey admitted he was not fit enough to return after just returning from a

#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

#### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Leatherneau	17	D	4	_	7))	47
2 Metropolitan Police	16	12	3	1 3 2 5 6	+31	39
3 Whitehawk	20	11	6	3	+25	39
4 Bognor Regis Town	14	10	6 2 5 4 5	2	+19	32
5 Burgess Hill Town	19	9	5	5	+6	32
6 Sittingbourne	19	9	4	6	+10	32 31
5 Burgess Hill Town 6 Sittingbourne 7 Walton Casuals	19	9 9 8 7	5	6	+6 +10 +4	29
8 Merstham	19	7	7	6 5	0	28
9 Faversham Town	19	7	6	6	+1	27
10 Worthing	17	7	5	6 5 8	+13	26
11 Godalming Town	18	8	2	8	-15 -5 -5 -8	26 23
12 Ramsgate	21	6	5	10	-5	23
13 Chipstead	18	8 6 6 5	5	7	-5	23
14 Eastbourne Town	20	5	7	8 8 9	-8	22
15 Dulwich Hamlet	17	6	3	8	0	21
16 Walton & Hersham	18	6	3		-4	21
17 Fleet Town	15	6	3	6	-4	21 21
18 Chatham Town	19	6 5	3	10	-12 -15	21
19 Whyteleafe	19	5	652557333333 <mark>5</mark>	11	-15	18
20 Corinthian-Casuals	19	4	3	12	-14	15
21 Whitstable Town	18	4 2 3	5	11	-16	- 11
22 Horsham YMCA	19	3	1	15	-46	10

#### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Herne Bay	13	7	5	1	+10	26
2 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	+7	24
3 Beckenham Town	11	7	2	2	+9	23
4 Erith Town	13	6	4	3	+8	22
5 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	+17	21
6 Hythe Town	9	6	1	2	+10	19
7 Sevenoaks Town	12	5	1	6	-3	16
8 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
9 Tunbridge Wells	9	4	3	2	+9	15
10 Norton Sports	12	3	6	3	0	15
11 Fisher	12	3	2	7	-7	11
12 Corinthian	12	3	2	7	-9	11
13 Erith & Belvedere	8	3	1	4	-2	10
14 Holmesdale	13	2	4	7	-9	10
15 Lordswood	11	2	2	7	-7	8
16 Sporting Rengal United	13	2	1	10	-26	7

#### KENT COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Hollands & Blair	12	9	3	0	+26	30
2 Bridon Ropes	15	9	2	4	+11	29
3 Cray Valley (PM)	14	8	3	3	+15	27
4 Canterbury City	13	8	1	4	+8	25
5 Phoenix Sports	16	7	4	5	+4	25
6 Lewisham Borough (Com.)	14	5	4	5	+5	19
7 Rusthall	13	5	3	5	+2	18
8 Stansfeld O&B Club	13	5	2	6	+2	17
9 Bly Spartans	13	4	4 5	5	+2	16
10 Bearsted	14	6		1	-14	15
11 Charlton Ath. Community	11	4	2	5	-4	14
12 Snodland	13	3	5	5	-11	14
13 Fleet Leisure	11	3	3	5	-5	12
14 Sutton Athletic	12	3	2	7	-6	11
15 Woodstock Park	12	3	2	7	-14	11

FIXTURES (Saturday):
RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Whitstable Town v Worthing; KENT LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION: Deal Town v Herne Bay; KENT COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Canterbury City v Fleet Leisure

### Lonely Christmas for struggling Whitstable

#### **FOOTBALL**

#### **Metropolitan Police 5 Whitstable Town 2**

A NIGHTMARE start set Whitstable Town on their way to a heavy defeat at Metropolitan Police on Saturday which leaves the Oystermen deep in relegation

The visitors fell behind in the first minute and it quickly got worse as the high-flying hosts raced into a 4-0 lead inside 24 minutes. Town looked to be heading for a cricket score as Met Police made it 5-0 on 56 minutes, but two late goals from Gareth Cornhill restored at least a veneer of respectability

With Lloyd Blackman, Stuart Vahid, Jim Sherman and Dan Wisker all ruled out through suspension, manager Mark Lane deployed Ian Pulman as a lone striker in front of a five-man midfield.

The intention was clearly to keep the game tight, but it lasted no longer than 34 seconds, when Met Police took the lead. Ex-Folkestone and Ashford defender Nicky Humphrey headed home at a corner to instantly seize the initiative.

Eddie Smith, Ron Edwards and James Field all got on the scoresheet with barely a quarter of the game gone against their shell-shocked visitors.

Town only gained a foothold once Field had made it 5-0 early in the second-half. Cornhill, released from defensive duties,



**TROUBLING TIMES:** Mark Lane was lacking players

took two chances well in quick succession, but it could not disguise the one-sided nature of the game.

The defeat left Whitstable second bottom in Ryman Division One South, four points from safety heading into last night's home game against Bognor Regis Town, log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for the details. Tenth-placed Worthing visit the Belmont on Saturday.

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